



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: OPTICAL RECORDING MATERIAL, OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM AND
MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF, OPTICAL RECORDING METHOD AND
REPRODUCTION METHOD

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Claims 13, 15 and 24 are pending in this application. In reply to the January 24, 2008 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 13 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,214,249 (Kasai) in view of "Photodoped Chalcogenides as Potential Infrared Holographic Media," Applied Optics, 21(14), pp. 2490-2498 (1992) (Slinger) and U.S. Patent No. 6,721,076 (King); and claim 24 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Slinger in view of JP-2001-236002 (Hosono). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The applied references at least fail to disclose or suggest an optical recording method including irradiating a recording layer that has "metal particles dispersed in said chalcogenide glass prior to a process of recording information in said optical recording material by